



Office of Pollution, Prevention and Technical Assistance

The Office of Pollution Prevention and Technical Assistance (OPPTA) manages educational and outreach activities offering assistance to businesses, local government entities and the general public. The priorities of the office include:

- Encouraging pollution prevention
- Providing compliance and technical assistance
- Supporting source reduction and recycling
- Recognizing environmentally conscious businesses

Pollution Prevention

OPPTA encourages pollution prevention by promoting the use of voluntary measures to reduce pollution generation, providing technical assistance and conducting broad-based educational programs. The office also administers the annual Governor's Awards for Excellence in Pollution Prevention, provides pollution prevention challenge grants, coordinates case studies and pilot projects, and maintains a technical resource and referral service for pollution prevention information.

IDEM also maintains Indiana's Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) data base. TRI data is used to measure Indiana's pollution prevention progress. Approximately 1,000 facilities submit annual TRI reports to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and IDEM annually, as required by law. A searchable data base of 1997 reporting year data is available on IDEM's Web site at <http://www.state.in.us/idem/oppta/tri>. The 1998 data will be available in early 2000.

Compliance and Technical Assistance

The Compliance and Technical Assistance Program (CTAP) provides businesses and small communities with outreach services in order to increase awareness of new and existing environmental regulations. Outreach efforts consist of providing assistance to callers, developing compliance manuals, brochures and fact sheets and conducting workshops. CTAP receives more than 3,000 confidential compliance assistance calls each year.

- Established a searchable Toxics Release Inventory database on the Internet
- Awarded \$6.2 million in recycling and household hazardous waste grants
- Received 3,000 confidential compliance assistance calls



Source Reduction and Recycling

The Indiana Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Grant Programs enable local implementation of source reduction, recycling and household hazardous waste collection programs. Between July 1997 and June 1999, IDEM awarded more than \$6.2 million in recycling and household hazardous waste grants for collection program funding, program expansion, equipment to collect or process recyclables and public education programming. The agency also financed school environmental curriculum development, collection programs and the administration of the annual Governor's Awards for Excellence in Recycling.

Indiana Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Grants <i>(executed agreements for fiscal years 1998 and 1999)</i>		
	FY 1998	FY 1999
Jumpstart	\$576,701	\$759,139
Traditional	\$1,237,744	\$2,104,972
Model	\$317,700	\$217,950
Regional	\$223,860	\$306,400
HHW	\$134,300	\$334,643
Total	\$2,526,305	\$3,788,534

Jumpstart – Funding for basic education and promotion projects

Traditional – Funding for projects implementing conventional recycling programs

Model – Funding for projects addressing significant solid waste management needs. Projects serve as models for other regions

Regional – Funding for projects that support team-oriented regional efforts

HHW – Funding for Household Hazardous Waste reduction, collection and proper disposal programs

Recognition Programs

OPPTA manages three 5-Star Environmental Recognition Programs, recognizing Indiana drycleaning, vehicle maintenance shops and child care facilities that do more than is required by law to protect the environment. The programs rank participants on a scale of one to five stars for such things as minimizing use of toxic materials and responsible waste management.

Environmental Recognition Program <i>Facilities Recognized</i>		
Program	FY 1998	FY 1999
Drycleaning	17	12
Vehicle Maintenance	0*	11
Child Care	0*	48

**Program initiated in fiscal year 1999*

